

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Reference is made to commonly-assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/713,165(~~DN85500~~), entitled CYAN LOW FLUORESCENCE DYE FOR COATED OPTICAL BEAD RANDOM ARRAY DNA ANALYSIS and copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/713,246(~~DN85502~~), entitled YELLOW LOW FLUORESCENCE DYE FOR COATED OPTICAL BEAD RANDOM ARRAY DNA ANALYSIS, both filed of even date herewith. Reference is also made to U.S. Publication No. 2000-68609, filed August 29, 2001, entitled RANDOM ARRAY OF MICROSPHERES. The copending applications are incorporated by reference herein for all that they contain.--